

Best of the West Self Drive USA

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Tour key information

Tour departure dates

- Daily

Tour duration

- 15 days / 14 nights

Tour type

- Individual self-drive

Min/Max

- Individual self-drive

Tour & stay

- No

Child age

- Minimum 0 years

Tour pace

- Moderate pace

Seasons on sale

- Summer 25, Winter 25, Summer 26, Winter 26



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Where is the USA ?



Flying into: Los Angeles

Available airlines:

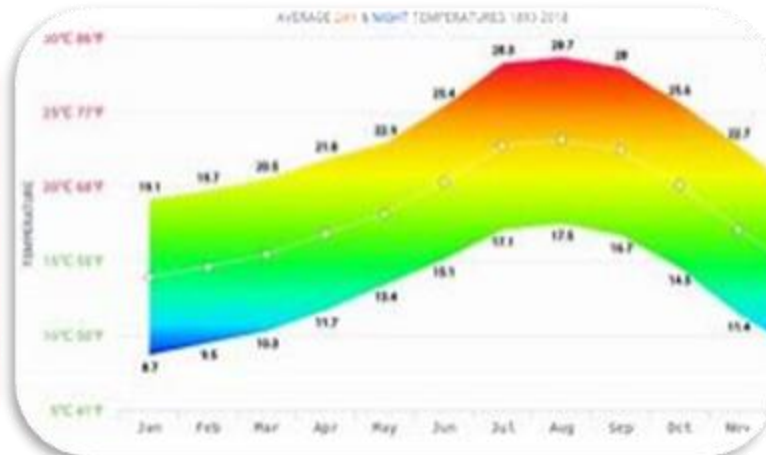
- United
- American Airlines

Flight time: 11 to 12 hours

Time difference: GMT -8 hours

Key facts

- What to bring: Comfortable and light clothing, lightweight coat, sun cream and sunglasses.
Language: English is the official language.
Entry requirements: For the most up-to-date passport and visa information, visit www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice.
Food and drink: When in LA try out the following – breakfast burrito, French dipped sandwich, birria tacos and an ice-cream sandwich. In Vegas, the lobster roll is a firm favourite. And seafood is San Francisco's specialty.
Currency: US Dollar.
Shopping: Vegas has flagship designer stores, meanwhile head to Rodeo Drive in LA.



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Car hire information

- Driver must have an international credit card (Visa, MasterCard or AMEX) and all drivers must have a valid driver's license.
- Rental car Pick-up/Drop-off: Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Monday to Sunday 24/7
 - Enterprise Rent a Car from day 1 - 8 'Category Standard: Volkswagen Jetta or similar – See <https://www.enterprise.com/en/car-rental/vehicles/us/cars/standard.html>
- Just so you know, there may local parking charges in certain locations on your tour itinerary.
- CDW, Airport Fees, Taxes and local fees and SLI up to \$1m, unlimited mileage.
- The minimum age to rent a vehicle or be a driver is 21 years. Car rental surcharge for underage driver (21-24 years) applies. Surcharge is payable on site (350USD).
- Additional driver: Any additional driver (excluding a spouse or domestic partner) will pay a daily fee \$15.00 per day). Renter's spouse or domestic partner who meet the same age and driver's license requirements of the renter are authorized drivers at no additional charge. Any additional authorized drivers must appear at time of rental and meet age and driver's license requirements.



Bookable up until

- 30 days before departure



Best of the West Self Drive Itinerary



Day 1

Travelling distance: 0km

Arrival at Los Angeles international airport. Pick-up your rental car and drive independently to your overnight hotel. You can take the remainder of your day at your own pace to explore the area and get ready for your journey to start in the morning.



Meals included: None

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Los Angeles, San Pedro or similar

Day 2

Travelling distance: 0km



Today, you'll have the full day to explore Los Angeles area. Stroll along the beach, visit famous Hollywood and the walk of fame.

Meals included: None

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Los Angeles, San Pedro or similar

Day 3

Travelling distance: 435km

Make your way south to Anaheim, Orange County's headquarters for fun. Spend the day surrounded by icons and classic characters at the original Disneyland Park. Visit the nation's oldest theme park- Knott's Berry Farm, filled with old west history or one of Anaheim's many other fun filled attractions before continuing to Palm Springs. Take the time this evening to dine in one of the many excellent restaurants in downtown Palm Springs



Meals included: None

Hotel: Days Inn, Palm Springs or similar



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Day 4

Travelling distance: 430km

Spend the morning lounging by the pool, walking along palm tree lined streets, or exploring countless shops, art galleries and museums before setting out east through the Coachella Valley to Phoenix and Scottsdale, two of Central Arizona's top destinations. With Phoenix's skyscraper-filled skyline complemented by famed Camelback Mountain and Scottsdale's Old West charm, it's guaranteed you'll enjoy this uniquely Southwestern playground.



Meals included: None

Hotel: Element Scottsdale or similar

Day 5

Travelling distance: 370km



Today, head north to Grand Canyon National Park, a natural wonder that you simply have to see to believe. Spend the day discovering the distinct South Rim of the Canyon. Stop at one of the numerous overlooks, walk part of the Rim Trail or along the historic Hermit Road, visit a Photo Hot Spot, or climb to the top of a stone Watchtower for panoramic views that extend over 100 miles on clear days.

Meals included: None

Hotel: Red Feather Lodge, Grand Canyon or similar

Day 6

Travelling distance: 445km



Leave the grandeur of the Canyon behind as you head west today through Williams and Kingman, the heart of Historic Route 66 and one of Arizona's hidden treasures, to Hoover Dam. Considered the largest single public works project in the history of the U.S., Hoover Dam straddles the mighty Colorado River, which forms the border between Nevada and Arizona and brings much-needed water and power to the Southwest. Continue to Las Vegas, Nevada, a city that needs no introduction.

Meals included: None

Hotel: Excalibur, Las Vegas or similar

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Day 7

Travelling distance: 0km

Enjoy a full day Las Vegas style. Walk the famous Strip lined with mega-resorts and flashing neon lights, place a bet at one of the many casinos, dine at world-class restaurants, catch the latest must-see show, shop designer boutiques, ride a roller coaster, lay by the pool... the list goes on. With so much to do, 24 hours in a day hardly seems like enough.



Meals included: None

Hotel: Excalibur, Las Vegas or similar

Day 8

Travelling distance: 225km



This morning, take the opportunity to capture a photograph at the iconic Welcome to Las Vegas sign before your journey takes you west to the lowest elevation in North America, Death Valley National Park. Here, the Mojave is at its most magnificent with geological history on full display in this rugged, severe, sublime section of California. Enhance your desert experience with a stop at Zabriskie Point, offering spectacular views of the wildly eroded and vibrantly coloured Badlands. Don't miss the opportunity this evening to cast your eyes upon the night sky for some of the best stargazing in the world.

Meals included: None

Hotel: The Ranch, Death Valley or similar

Day 9

Travelling distance: 525km

This morning, travel north into the High Sierra where Tioga Road, the highest drivable pass in California, leads you into Yosemite National Park. Best known for its impressive waterfalls, grand meadows, and spectacular rock formations. Yosemite was one of the first wilderness parks in the United States. Delve into the depths of the park with a walk to a waterfall, each as distinct as the granite cliffs they dive over or learn about the wonders of the park during a ranger-guided stroll. Explore a giant sequoia grove and meet the most massive trees on earth or spend an evening under the stars. With approximately 800 miles of trails, Yosemite is also a great place to hike. If Tioga pass is closed due to weather conditions, you will need to take the southern route through Bakersfield and Fresno into the



Meals included: None

Hotel: Cedar Lodge, Mariposa or similar

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Day 10

Travelling distance: 315km

Leave the wonder of Yosemite behind as you journey west through Gold Rush-era attractions, California's State Capital, Sacramento, and on to San Francisco. Considered one the greatest cities in the world for many reasons, San Francisco offers one-of-a-kind sights and something to suit your every need.



Meals included: None

Hotel: Comfort Inn by the Bay, San Francisco or similar

Day 11

Travelling distance: 0km



With 49 square miles of amazing sights, scenes and destinations, there's always plenty to do in San Francisco. Spend a full day exploring the beloved City by the Bay's neighbourhoods including Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, Union Square, Nob Hill, the Embarcadero/Financial District, and Golden Gate Park. To experience something truly unique, walk along the railings of the Golden Gate Bridge or take a ride on an iconic Cable Car. For a little piece of heaven on Earth, spend the day in Napa Valley whose picturesque rolling hills and wineries dot the landscape.

Meals included: None

Hotel: Comfort Inn by the Bay, San Francisco or similar

Day 12

Travelling distance: 210km

This morning, head south to Monterey along Highway 1 which offers breathtaking views of the Pacific coastline. Take in the sights, sounds and smells of Monterey at Old Fisherman's Wharf in downtown. Explore Cannery Row's historic waterfront district, John Steinbeck's inspiration for his novel of the same name. Visit the quaint area of Carmel and enjoy an exhilarating trip along 17-Mile Drive from Pacific Grove to Pebble Beach.



Meals included: None

Hotel: Best Western Park Crest Inn, Monterey

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Day 13

Travelling distance: 450km

Continue south along central California's scenic Pacific Coast Highway. This twisting, cliff-hugging route starts in Monterey and takes you through Big Sur where mountains plunge into the Pacific Ocean. Farther south, the landscape mellows to oak-studded hills as the road passes Hearst Castle and ends in Morro Bay. A short distance inland is the heart of the Central Coast, San Luis Obispo. From here, continue south to Ventura passing through Pismo Beach, inland agricultural valleys of rolling countryside, and Santa Barbara, often described as the American Riviera. Located along the southern-most part of California's Central Coast, Ventura is a classic beach town in a spectacular setting.



Meals included: None

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach, Ventura or similar

Day 14

Travelling distance: 120km



Today, travel further south through Oxnard, yet another beautiful stretch of coast in Malibu, and the seaside town of Santa Monica. Arrive in Los Angeles with enough time to glimpse some of the glitz and glamour of the City of Angels. Check out the Hollywood Walk of Fame, TCL Chinese Theatre, formerly Grauman's Chinese Theatre, the Sunset Strip, Beverly Hills, and Rodeo Drive; some of the best sights Los Angeles has to offer.

Meals included: None

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Los Angeles Harbor, San Pedro or similar

Day 15

Travelling distance: 35km

It's time to return your rental car at Los Angeles International Airport. Make sure you leave plenty of time depending on your flight time. On arrival at the airport, check-in for your departure flight.



Meals included: None